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MEMO TO: To Whom It May Concern

FROM: Wayne Guerke
Secretary, Georgia Seed Arbitration Council

SUBJECT: Filing for Seed Arbitration

Please observe the following procedure when filing for seed arbitration in Georgia:

- 1) Prepare a letter including the following information:
 - A) Address the letter to Commissioner Tommy Irvin.
 - B) State that you are filing for seed arbitration.
 - C) Briefly describe the problem.
 - D) State the kind, variety, lot number and number of bags (quantity purchased) of the seed lot in question (inclusion of the lot number is *essential* for lot identity).
 - E) State where the seed was purchased and, if available, what company labeled or tagged the seed lot (include a copy of the purchase invoice and seed tag, if available).
- 2) To cover the filing fee, include a check in the amount of \$75.00 made payable to the Georgia Department of Agriculture.
- 3) The letter of complaint and filing fee should be mailed to:

Commissioner Tommy Irvin
Georgia Department of Agriculture
19 M. L. King Jr. Drive, SW
Agriculture Bldg., Room 204
Atlanta, GA 30334

For your convenience, a form letter is provided with this memo. This may be copied and used for your complaint letter. Please provide all information requested.

According to the Georgia Seed Law, seed arbitration complaints should be filed in a timely manner to allow field inspection and investigation, if deemed necessary. Upon filing, I further recommend that you contact my office so a field investigation can be initiated to document the problem. Of course, it is always recommended to contact the seed company prior to filing for arbitration in an attempt to resolve the problem.

SEED ARBITRATION COMPLAINT FORM LETTER

DATE: _____

FROM: _____

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone

Mobile

TO: Commissioner Tommy Irvin
Georgia Department of Agriculture
19 M. L. King Jr Drive, S.W.
Agriculture Bldg., Room 204
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Commissioner Irvin:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 2-11-73, I hereby submit a seed arbitration complaint against

_____ and _____
Wholesale seed dealer/labeler Local seed dealer/retailer

concerning _____
Kind, variety, lot number(s), number of bags purchased (*all items are required*)

Enclosed are copies of invoices and tags (if available) for documentation.

Describe seed related problem: _____

Enclosed is a check payable to the Georgia Department of Agriculture for \$75.00 to cover the filing fee.

Sincerely, _____
Signature of grower/complainant

cc: Dr. Wayne Guerke
Secretary, Georgia Seed Arbitration Council
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